Proceedings of the Assembly of Representative Raiyats and Merchants from all Taluks of the State, held at Mysore in October 1893.

MEMORANDUM.

The thirteenth Assembly of Representative Raiyats and Merchants was held at Mysore on Monday the 23rd October 1893 and the following four days.

2. The Assembly was constituted under the Rules issued with Notification No. 76, dated 14th May 1891, and the detailed instructions issued in Government Proceedings No. 1703-10—Cir. 29, dated 15th May 1891. Under these Rules, there were altogether (excluding Associations) 3,716 persons qualified to elect, of whom 1,775 attended meetings and elected 344 members to the Asssembly as shown below :—

	Qualified.	Attended.	Elected.
Two Cities of Bangalore and Mysore ...	185	57	8
66 Taluks (including Sub-Taluks) ...	2,654	1,037	211
100 Municipal Boards	752	587	107
9 L. F. Boards	125	94	18
Total.....	3,716	1,775	344

Eight Associations representing approved public interests returned a member each, so that there were altogether 352 members returned to the Assembly. Of these, four members being elected by more than one body of electors, the actual number of members was 348. Of them, 6 were Europeans, 25 were Muhammadans and 317 were Hindus. By occupation, 68 were Merchants, 13 were Sahukars, 222 were Land-holders, 23 were Advocates or Pleaders, 2 were Missionaries and 20 were of other occupations.

Of the 348 elected members, 318 were present at the opening of the Assembly. The names of those who were elected and of those who attended at Mysore are given in the list appended to these Proceedings.

3. The Representatives assembled in the Darbar Hall of the Public Office Buildings at Mysore at noon on 23rd October. Rajyadhurandhara Sir K. Sheshadri Iyer, K. C. S. I., Dewan, presided. Rajadharma pravina T. R. A. Thumboo Chettiyar, Rajamantra pravina the Honorable P. Chentsal Rao, C. I. E., Members of His Highness the Maharaja's Council, and also the Judges of the Chief Court and other principal Officers of the State were present. Colonel P. D. Henderson, C. S. I., Resident, Mr. H. V. Cobb, Offg. First Assistant to the Resident, Major General East, Provincial Commander-in-chief, and other European and Native guests of His Highness the Maharaja were also present.

4. The Dewan, who was suffering from a severe cold and hoarseness of voice, explained that he was on that account unable to make himself heard throughout the Hall and would ask one of his Secretaries to read his Address for him. The Legislative Secretary, Mr. Meenacshaiya, accordingly read the Address in English, and the Under-Secretary Mr. Narain Rao read the Kanarese translation. The Address was heard with much interest and was cordially received. At its conclusion, the Revd. Mr. Gulliford, (R. M. from Bangalore City), on behalf of the English speaking

members of the Assembly, and Messrs. Nanjunda Rao and Malhari Rao, (Land-holder, R. M. from Davangere Taluk, and Pleader R. M. from Shimoga Municipality respectively), on behalf of the Kanarese speaking members of the Assembly, spoke a few words to express the pleasure they had derived from the Address and the announcements it contained and to offer their congratulations on the Honors which in the course of the year had been conferred by H. M. the Queen Empress and H. E. the Viceroy on H. H. the Maharaja, H. H. the Maharani and the Dewan, all of which they regarded as compliments to the State as a whole, and to its administration.

5. The Assembly met on the 24th, 25th, 26th and 27th, both in the forenoon and in the afternoon. At the morning sittings, subjects of general interest were taken up. In the afternoon sittings, those of purely local interest were disposed of, the more distant Districts having precedence over the nearer Districts.

6. Annexed are the Dewan's Address and Appendices and a summary of other speeches and discussions.

By Order,

T. ANANDA ROW,

Chief Secretary.